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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION NEW DELHI ON
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1. I SAW AEC SECRETARY SETHNA TOGETHER WITH USAEC SCIREP PIAJIAN 1600 HOURS TODAY AND MADE PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED REFTELS STRESSING USG CONCERN OVER UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND REQUESTING EXPLANATION AND ASSURANCE AGAINST RECURRENCE.

2. SETHNA REACTION FRANK, IMMEDIATE AND NO WAFFLING. SAID "WE GOOFED". IT WAS "NOT DELIBERATE" AND HE COULD ASSURE US IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. WE REVIVED ARTICLE VII OF US INDIA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION STRESSING INDIAN NOTIFICATION OF IAEA IN NO WAY SUPERSEDED BILATERAL REQUIREMENT US AGREEMENT BE OBTAINED FOR ANY TRANSFER OUTSIDE GOI JURISDICTION. SETHNA CALLED IN A VAZ AEC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER WHO HE SAID HANDLED THESE THINGS AND TOLD HIM AS HE ENTERED "I TOLD YOU YOU GOOFED ON THIS". HE HAD VAZ REREAD ARTICLE VII AND DIRECTED HIM PREPARE DETAILED REPORT BY 0900 SEP 73 FOR SUBMISSION TO ME (WE WILL CABLE SUMMARY WHEN RECEIVED). SETHNA SAID HE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE WHEREBY THIS SORT OF THING WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

3. SETHNA SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED AS TO HOW LONG US APPROVAL PROCESS IN SUCH INSTANCES LIKELY TAKE SINCE TIME FACTOR OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. NOTED THAT IN THIS CASE THEY HAD FIRST APPROACHED GE TO MAKE SPLIT BUNDLES INVOLVED. (THEY CAN'T HE SAID AT HYDERABAD) AND WHEN GE DECLINED THEY HAD OPENED BIDS. SETHNA ASSUMES MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY IS TO GO THROUGH INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON WITH INFORMATION TO US BOMBAY. HE ALSO ASKS WHETHER AGREEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BIDS OPENED. (WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON BASE REPLY SETHNA.)

4. ON NOTIFICATION RECEIPT NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO IAEA, SETHNA GOT OUT FILE AND WENT OVER IT WITH US. REPORT FOR JUNE CARRIES TRANSFER OF 383,783 GRAMS TO KWU CO. WEST GERMANY. HOWEVER, REPORTS ARE SENT TO IAEA QUARTERLY AND JUNE REPORT INCLUDED IN QUARTERLY SUBMISSION SENT JULY 31 TO INDIAN IAEA MISSION VIENNA. SETHNA ASSUMES NOTIFICATION WAS MADE IAEA OF THIS TRANSFER IN AUGUST.

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5. COMMENT. SATISFIED SETHNA NOT DISSEMBLING. WE ALWAYS FOUND HIM TO BE FRANK AND DIRECT AND BELIEVE HE WAS WRONG THIS OCCASION AND MEANT WHAT HE SAID WHEN HE SAID IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. BANE

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